

App. No. 09/394,135  
Supp. Amdt. Dated September 10, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of May 21, 2003

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

There are no amendments to the claims in the present Supplemental Amendment and therefore claims 1 – 40 remain pending in the application.

The sole purpose for this Supplemental Amendment is to submit the literal English translation of applicant's earlier priority document DE 197 29 222 A1, which as mentioned in our earlier amendment dated August 21, 2003, predates the December 31, 1997 publication date of the Branemark reference,. The English translation of the earlier priority document is submitted herewith.

Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much appreciate a telephone call from her to discuss any outstanding issues and to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

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English Translation of DE 197 29 222 A1  
Translators Affidavit